

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

**Claims 1-10 and 25-80 are cancelled.**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-10 and 25-80 directed to inventions non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 25-80 been cancelled.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 11 and 12, filed 26 June 2009, with respect to amended independent claim 1, have been fully considered and are persuasive.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 11-24 are allowed over the Prior Art of record.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reasons for allowance of independent claim 11 is the inclusion of the specifically recited materials in manufacturing a component that is employed in a sensor for detecting wear on a surface thereof, the sensor having at least one conductive trace on a substrate, in combination with the other recited elements and/or functionality.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is invited to review PTO form 892 accompanying this Office Action listing Prior Art relevant to the instant invention cited by the Examiner.
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Fitzgerald whose telephone number is (571) 272-2843. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hezron Williams, can be reached on (571) 272-2208. The central fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of

Art Unit: 2856

an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

/John Fitzgerald/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2856  
10/15/09